



**FIRST - TIER TRIBUNAL  
PROPERTY CHAMBER  
(RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY)**

**Case Reference** : **HAV/18UG /MNR/2025/0777**

**Property** : **5 Sawmill Close, Totnes, Devon TQ9  
5WT**

**Tenants** : **Mr S Grey & Ms V Gjorgieva**

**Landlord** : **David Brayley c/o Marchand Petit**

**Date of Objection** : **16 September 2025**

**Type of Application** : **Determination of a Market Rent  
sections 13 & 14 of the Housing Act  
1988**

**Tribunal** : **Mr D Jagger MRICS  
Mr N Robinson FRICS**

**Date of Summary  
Reasons** : **17 November 2025**

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**DECISION**

**The Tribunal determines a rent of £1,095 per calendar month with  
effect from 15 December 2025.**

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## SUMMARY REASONS

### Background

1. On the 15 September 2025 the Landlord's agent served a notice under Section 13(2) of the Housing Act 1988 which proposed a new rent of £1,095 per month in place of the existing rent of £1,000 per month to take effect from 15 December 2025.
2. The Tenant's application is dated the 16 September 2025, under Section 13(4)(a) of the Housing Act 1988. The Tenant referred the Landlord's notice proposing a new rent to the Tribunal for determination of a market rent.

### Inspection

3. The Tribunal did not inspect the property but considered this case on the basis of the papers provided by the parties.

### Evidence

4. The Tribunal has consideration of the extensive written submissions provided by the parties together with comparable evidence of varying properties in the area and helpful photographs.

### Determination and Valuation

5. Firstly, having consideration of the parties' comparable evidence together with our own expert, general knowledge of rental values in the Totnes area, we consider that the open market rent for the property in its current condition would be **£1,095** per month.
6. The Tribunal have not made an adjustment in relation to condition of the property based upon the photographic evidence and the parties' statements.

### Decision

7. The Tribunal therefore determined that the rent at which the subject property might reasonably be expected to be let in the open market by a willing Landlord under an assured tenancy governed by the relevant clause in the agreement was **£1,095** per calendar month.
8. The Tribunal directs the new rent of **£1,095** to take effect on the 15 December 2025. This being the date set out in the Landlord's Notice of Increase.

## **APPEAL PROVISIONS**

These summary reasons are provided to give the parties an indication as to how the Tribunal made its decision. If either party wishes to appeal this decision, they should first make a request for full reasons and the details of how to appeal will be set out in the full reasons. Any subsequent application for permission to appeal should be made on Form RP PTA.